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**FOLLOWER'S
COURSE 101**

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F. CHANGE OF LIFE MISSION

A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST DOESN'T JUST LOVE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS, BUT YOUR LIFE MISSION HAS RADICALLY CHANGED.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21 (TLB)

For to me, LIVING means OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRIST, and dying- well, that's better yet!

A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST FINDS NEW MEANING IN LIFE AND A PURPOSE BEYOND JUST BEING HAPPY, COMFORTABLE, SUCCESSFUL AND LIVING FOR ONESELF.

ECCLESIASTES 3:11 (AMPLIFIED)

He has also PLANTED ETERNITY [a sense of divine purpose] in the human heart [a mysterious longing which nothing under the sun can satisfy, except God].

ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF BEING A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST NOW IS THAT WE WANT OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST TOO. A FOLLOWER OF GOD IS NOW INTERESTED IN BEFRIENDING AND EXTENDING GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.

ACTS 1:8 (GNT)

But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be WITNESSES for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

JOHN 17:18 (MESSAGE)

In the same way you gave Me a MISSION in the world I give them a mission in the world.

ROMANS 1:9 (GW)

I serve God by spreading the Good News about His Son.



G. NO FEAR OF DEATH

**FOR A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST, WE ACCEPT THE FACT THAT EVERYONE DIES
BUT WE HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT DEATH
AND IT HELPS US NO LONGER BE AFRAID OF DEATH.**

Paul welcomed death in

PHILIPPIANS 1:21, 23 (EASY TO READ)

To me, the only important thing about living is Christ. And even death would be for my benefit. It would be a hard choice. Sometimes I want to leave this life and be with Christ. That would be much better for me

PSALM 23:4 (EASY TO READ)

Even if I walk through a valley as dark as the grave,
I will not be afraid of any danger, because you are with me.

*Christians welcome death, we are not in a hurry to die necessarily because we want to finish the work the Lord has given us here but we have no fear of death because death only ushers us into the presence of the one who saved us and the one we love.
(John F. MacArthur)*

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-14 (LB)

And now, dear brothers and sisters, I want you to know what happens to a Christian when he dies so that when it happens, you will not be FULL OF SORROW, as those are who have NO HOPE. For since we believe that Jesus died and then came back to life again, we can also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him all the Christians who have died.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8 (EASY TO READ)

So I say that we have confidence. And we really want to be away from this body and be at home with the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How can you live your life in a way that makes people attracted to God?
2. How has no fear of death changed the way you live your life now?